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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KANEMARU SHIN)
SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR DEFMIN KANEMARU'S MEETING WITH SECDEF

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1. JDA (NISHIHIRO, DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION) HAS INFORMED US THAT PROPOSED AGENDA PROVIDED GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR TALKS WHICH JDA VIEWED AS PREPARATORY FOR MORE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN FALL. TIME BEING SHORT, HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL SLIGHTLY TO REALIGN AGENDA AND TO GIVE US SOME IDEA OF SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF JDA. HE SAID THAT VICE MINISTER MARUYAMA AGREED WITH THIS APPROACH AND THEY WOULD DISCUSS IT IN MORE DETAIL WITH KANEMARU NEXT WEEK. NISHIHIRO THOUGHT ITEMS B AND C OF REFTEL WERE REALLY PART OF OVERALL SUBJECT OF DEFENSE COOPERATION, AND SUGGESTED THAT AGENDA BE REDUCED TO TWO MAJOR ITEMS: CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION AND US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. HE THEN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON WHAT JDA HOPED TO HEAR FROM US AND TO ACHIEVE
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DURING TALKS.

2. CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION.

A. US-SOVIET RELATIONS. NISHIHIRO POINTED OUT THAT IN ERA OF NUCLEAR EQUIVALENCE US SEEMED TO BE DOWNPLAYING USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE HE

UNDERSTOOD THIS, HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THIS WOULD TEND TO WEAKEN FREE WORLD SOLIDARITY AND SERVE TO EMBOLDEN THE SOVIET UNION. NISHIHIRO SAID KANEMARU WOULD APPRECIATE US VIEWS ON THIS ASPECT OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

B. CHINA POLICY. NISHIHIRO SAID KANEMARU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SECDEF'S VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS: (A) AS RESULT OF BRZEZINSKI VISIT WERE THERE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN US-PRC NORMALIZATION PROCESS? (B) WERE THERE ANY SIGNS OF SINO-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT OVER LONGER TERM? (C) WAS US GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE, TO PRC?

C. KOREA. NISHIHIRO SAID KANEMARU WOULD APPRECIATE RUNDOWN ON CURRENT GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLAN AND REASONS FOR MODIFYING IT. HE SAID KANEMARU WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN HEARING US VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF KOREA PROBLEM, INCLUDING TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS, RUMANIAN PROPOSAL, ETC.

D. US SEA POWER. REFERRING TO SOVIET NAVAL BUILDUP, RECENT CJCS REPORT ON MILITARY SITUATION WHICH HE SAID, INDICATED THAT SEA CONTROL WEST OF HAWAII WOULD BECOME DIFFICULT IN EVENT OF CONTINGENCY IN EUROPE, AND TO CURTAILMENT OF US SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS, NISHIHIRO
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SAID KANEMARU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW THE US VIEWED THESE PROBLEMS AND PLANNED TO MAINTAIN SEA CONTROL.

E. JSDF POSTURE. NISHIHIRO SAID THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN COVERED IN OTHER MEETINGS AND SUGGESTED THAT IN INTEREST OF TIME IT BE DROPPED FROM AGENDA.

3. US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. NISHIHIRO SAID THAT KANEMARU WOULD UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND GIVE HIS IMPRESSION OF DOMESTIC ATTITUDES TOWARD MST. KANEMARU WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT HE WISHED TO DO WHATEVER WAS POSSIBLE TO INCREASE COOPERATION, IN COST-SHARING AND OTHER AREAS.

A. COST-SHARING. KANEMARU WISHED TO HAVE RUNDOWN OF US DESIRES. HE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS IN DETAIL, BUT WOULD STUDY THEM IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE AT FALL MEETING. NISHIHIRO MENTIONED LABOR AND CONSTRUCTION AS AREAS KANEMARU WISHED TO HAVE COVERED AND NOTED THAT JOINT USE AND CURRENT RELLOCATION PROJECTS

WERE NOT SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

B. NON COST-SHARING ITEMS. NISHIHIRO MENTIONED FOLLOWING AREAS FOR DISCUSSION; BUT SAID THAT JAPANESE SIDE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY TAKE LEAD:

(1) SDC. NISHIHIRO SAID KANEMARU WOULD COMMENT THAT SDC EXERCISE WAS VERY MEANINGFUL AND THAT JAPANESE SIDE WISHED TO COMPLETE WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE DID NOT FEEL THERE WAS ANY NEED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL.

(2) ACCELERATED PAYMENT FOR FMS ITEMS. NISHIHIRO SAID

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THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT GOJ COULD ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SOME \$400 MILLION WORTH OF FMS ITEMS, INCLUDING F-15 PROGRAM, P3CS, ETC. THIS WOULD COVER NEXT FOUR YEARS. IF IT COULD BE DONE FUNDS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS COULD BE FREED.

(3) NEW PROCUREMENT. NISHIHIRO SAID THAT JDA WAS INTERESTED IN PROCURING AMMUNITION FROM US, BUT POINTED OUT LACK OF STORAGE AREAS AND MENTIONED THAT US PRESENTLY HAD CONSIDERABLE IDLE STORAGE CAPACITY IUAAPPAN. HE SAID JDA WOULD SEEK TO INCLUDE AEW AIRCRAFT IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND THAT JDA WAS INTERESTED IN RH53D HELLLTER.

(4) MISAWA MINE-STORAGE AREA PROPOSAL. NISHIHIRO SAID JDA WAS MUCH INTERESTED IN PROPOSAL AND GIVING IT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

(5) WSSSFAP. NISHIHIRO SAID JAPANESE WERE INTERESTED IN WARTIME STANDARD SUPPORT SUPPLY FOR FOREIGN ARMED
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FORCES PROGRAM, ON WHICH JMSDF HAD ALREADY RECEIVED BRIEFING AND WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS.

(6) INTEROPERABILITY. THERE IS INTEREST IN SUBJECT OF INTEROPERABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY. US VIEWS ON SUBJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

(7) EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION. NISHIHIRO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT US HAD PROPOSED PROGRAM TO NATO UNDER WHICH CIVIL AIRCRAFT COULD BE USED IN EMERGENCIES. JDA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT PROGRAM.

4. FINALLY, NISHIHIRO SAID KANEMARU WOULD HAVE TWO REQUESTS: PILOT TRAINING IN US AND TESTING IN US OF WEAPONS DEVELOPED BY JDA.

5. COMMENT: BELIEVE FOREGOING PROVIDES GOOD DESCRIPTION OF KANEMARU'S AREAS OF INTEREST. WE WOULD SUGGEST HOWEVER THAT LAST FOUR TOPICS IN PARA 3 MIGHT BE HANDLED IN WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS. MANSFIELD

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